

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A seedling pot for raising root crop seedlings, the pot being a molded piece formed of a mixture of an unboiled bamboo fiber, a boiled fiber of Gramineae or Leguminosae plant such as Japanese bush clover, and a carbonized plant material obtained by roasting a nonwoody plant, the mixture containing urea as an additive.

2. (Original) A seedling pot for raising root crop seedlings, the pot being a molded piece formed of a mixture of an unboiled bamboo fiber, a boiled fiber of Gramineae or Leguminosae plant such as Japanese bush clover, and a carbonized plant material obtained by roasting a nonwoody plant, the mixture containing in addition to urea a powder whose main component is silicon dioxide.

3. (Currently Amended) A seedling pot defined in claim 1-~~or~~2 and having a bottom and a periphery, wherein at least one perforation is formed in either of or both the bottom and periphery.

4. (Currently Amended) A seedling pot defined in claim 1-~~or~~2, wherein a nonwoody plant roasted to give the carbonized plant material is buckwheat or tea dregs.

5. (New) A seedling pot defined in claim 1 and having a bottom and a periphery, wherein at least one perforation is formed in either of or both the bottom and periphery.

6. (New) A seedling pot defined in claim 1, wherein a nonwoody plant roasted to give the carbonized plant material is buckwheat or tea dregs.